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Concerning his Reſolution to go into *Ireland*, for ſuppreſſing the Rebels there.

His *Majeſty* being grieved at the very ſoul, for the calamities of His good Subjects of *Ireland*, and being moſt tenderly ſenſible of the falſe and ſcandalous Reports diſperſed amongſt the people, concerning the rebellion there, which not only wounds His Majeſty in Honour, but likewiſe

greatly retards the reducing of that unhappy Kingdom, and multiplies the Distractions at home, by weakning the mutuall confidence betwixt Him and his People: Out of his pious Zeal to the Honour of Almighty God, in establishing the true protestant profession in that Kingdom, and his princely care for the good of all His Dominions, hath firmly resolved with all convenient speed to go into *Ireland*, to chastise those wicked and detestable Rebels (*odious to God and all good men*) therby so to settle the Peace of that Kingdom, and the security of this, that the very name of Fears and Jealousies may be no more heard of amongst us.

As his Majesty doubts not, but that His *Parliament* will cheerfully give all possible assistance to this good work; so He requires them and all His loving Subjects to beleeve, That he shall upon those Considerations as earnestly pursue this Design (not declining any hazard of his person, in performing that

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Duty which he oweth to the defence of Gods true Religion, and his distressed Subjects) as for these, and onely these Ends he undertakes it: to the sincerity of which profession he cals God to witnesse, with this further assurance, That His Majesty will never consent (upon whatsoever pretence) to a Toleration of the Popish profession there, or the Abolition of the Laws now in force against popish Recusants in that Kingdome.

His Majesty hath further thought fit to advertise his Parliament, That towards this Work He intends to raise forthwith by his Commissions, in the Counties neer *Westchester*, a Guard for His own person (when He shall come into *Ireland*) consisting of 2000. Foot, and 200. horse, which shall be Armed at *Westchester* from his Magazine at *Hull*: At which time all the Officers and Souldiers shall take the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance: The charge of raising and paying wherof His Majesty desires His *Parliament* to adde to their former

Undertakings for that war which His Maieſtie will not onely well accept; But if their Pay be found too great a Burthen to His good Subiects, His Majeſty will be willing (by the advice of His *Parliament*) to ſell, or pawn any of His Parks, Lands, or Houſes towards the ſupplies of the Service of *Ireland*: with the addition of theſe Leavies to the former of Engliſh and Scots agreed upon in *Parliament*, He hopes ſo to appear in this Action, that (by the aſſiſtance of Almighty God) in a ſhort time that Kingdome may be wholly reduced and reſtored to peace, and ſome meaſure of happineſſe. whereby he may cheerefully ſeturne, to be welcomed home with the Affections and bleſſings of all his good Engliſh people.

Toward this good work, as his Majeſtie hath lately made diſpatches into *Scotland*, to quicken the Leavies there for *Vlſter*; So he heartily wiſhes that his Parliament here would give all poſſ- expedition to thoſe which they have reſolved for *Munſter* and *Conaught*: and hopes the encouragement which the Adventurers (of whoſe intereſt His Maieſtie will be alwayes very carefull (will

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hereby receive (as likewise by the lately signing of a Commission for the Affairs of *Ireland*, to such persons as were recommended to him by both houses of Parliament) will raise full sums of Money for the doing thereof.

His Majestie hath been likewise pleased (out of of His earnest desire to remove all occasions, which do unhappily multiply Misunderstandings between Him and His Parliament) to prepare a Bill to be offered to them by His Attourney, concerning the *Militia*, whereby He hopes the Peace and Safety of this Kingdom may be fully secured, to the generall satisfaction of all men, without violation of His Maiesties just Rights or preiudice to the Liberty of the Subiect. If this shall be thankfully received; He is glad of it. If refused; He calls God, and all the world to judge, on whose part the default is: one thing his Majestie requires, (if this Bill be approved of) That if any Corporation shall make their lawfull Rights appeare, they may be reserved to them.

Before his Majestie shall part from *England*, he will take all due care to entrust such persons with such authority in his absence, as he shall find to be requisite for the Peace and Safety of this Kingdom, and the happy Progresse of this Parliament.

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